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The reply filed on August 11, 2006 is not fully responsive to the Office action mailed June 23, 2006 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants elected Group II, claims 6-11 and 14-18 and add new claims 21-30. Applicants indicate that claims 6-11 and 14-18 are withdrawn, in favor of the new claims (response, page 7). However, claims 6-11 and 14-18 are still pending and read on the elected group. Further, claims 6-11 and 14-18 recite two different nucleotide sequences, SEQ ID NOs: 2 and 4, from which Applicants were also required to select one for search and examination. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, Applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Ashwin Mehta, whose telephone number is 571-272-0803. The Examiner can normally be reached from 8:00 A.M to 5:30 P.M. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Anne Marie Grunberg, can be reached at 571-272-0975. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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